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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application.

[X] Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to the Deposit Account No. 13-3900.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 13, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
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